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Romulus council OK's $56 million project

Members of the Romulus City Council approved four motions to clear the way for a $56 million redevelopment on Ecorse Road.

The development, to be called Ecorse Commons, will be located at 37530 Ecorse Road on property now owned by North Point Romulus Industrial, LLC. The site includes more than 70 acres of land formerly owned by General Motors and includes two industrial condominium buildings totaling about 655,000 square feet, according to plans presented to the council members.

To accommodate the redevelopment plans, Romulus council members approved the termination and reliance of conditional zoning agreement which expired in 2019; an ordinance map amendment, the approval of an industrial condominium plan for the site and the request for concurrence of the Brownfield plan the developers submitted to Wayne County.

A spokesman from the developer noted that the property had been vacant for 10 years and that the redevelopment would create 400 jobs. The land, he said, is environmentally contaminated but will be remediated through the Brownfield Redevelopment plan submitted to Wayne County.

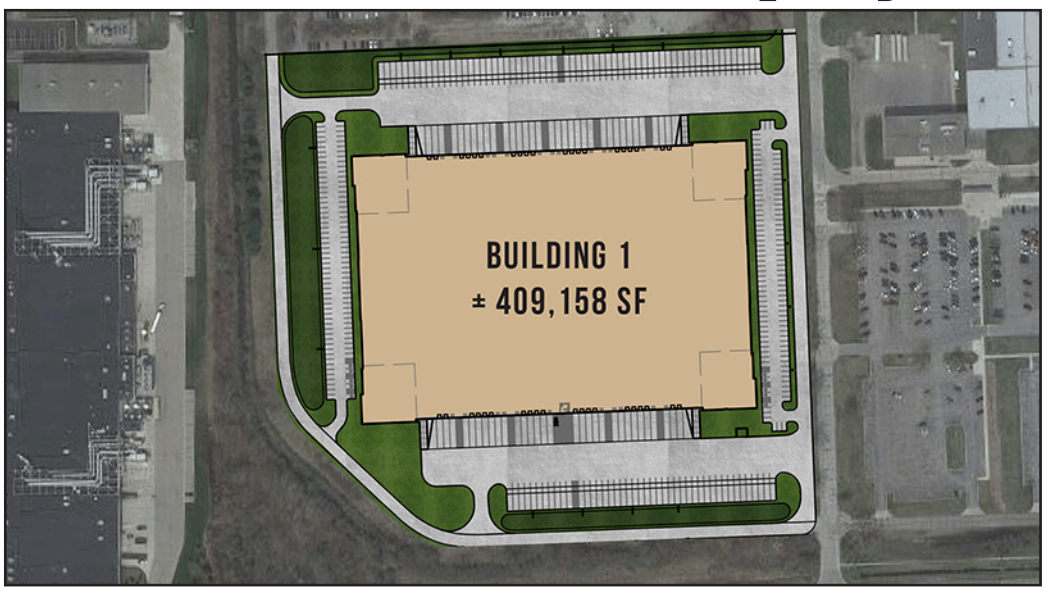
He told the council members that the site was "obviously in need of repair" but that North Point was looking forward to staring the "new life of the property."

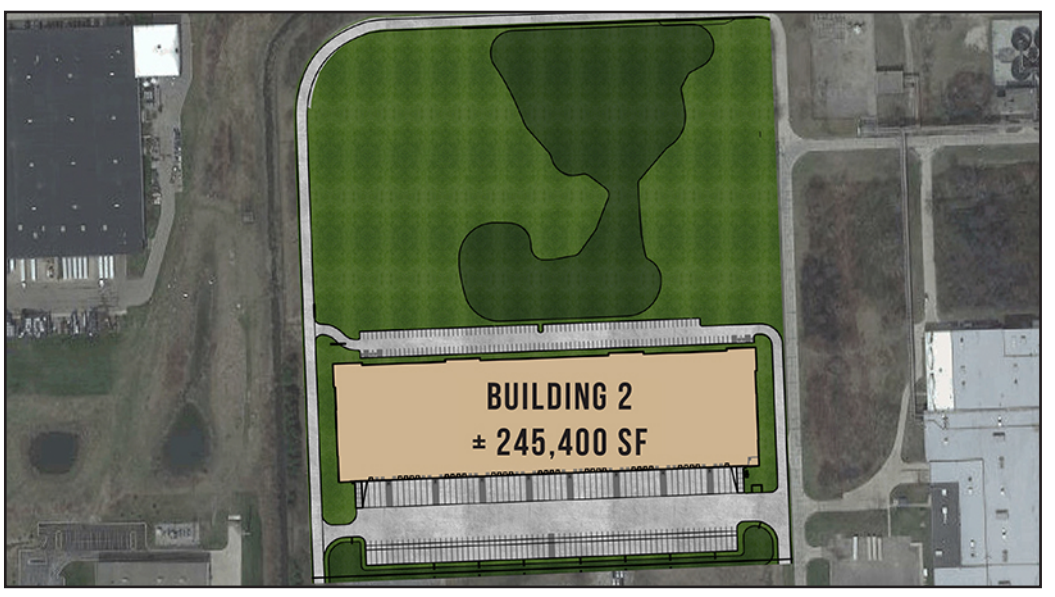
In response to questions from Councilmember Virginia Williams, the spokesman said that the developer would work with Wayne Country regarding traffic patterns in the area and planned "to do more" than the county required. "We want a good entrance," he said.

Williams said she was concerned about the traffic in the area and said that "these crossroads are important" and asked if the developer would consider expanding the road in the area to alleviate congestion.

Currently, he reminded officials, that no taxes are being paid on the land and there are no jobs being created there.

The vote on all four motions requested by the developer were approved unanimously by council members.





Road improvements continue throughout Plymouth

City of Plymouth officials are celebrating nearly 30 years of continuous street and infrastructure improvements marked most recently by the Main Street project through downtown.

The latest improvements were funded by the 2019 Street Improvement Bond approved by voters last November. Officials said that infrastructure improvements to Dewey Street that included the replacement of the water main, a sanitary sewer repair and a complete rebuild of the road surface were completed in June.

This project was the final phase of a multiyear program of rebuilding the infrastructure in the southeast portion of Plymouth, officials said.

The latest downtown project included the repaving of Main Street from Church to Wing streets. The roadway surface was milled and repaved and curbs were repaired in this phase of the 2020 improvements.

An upcoming project will include an upgrade and enhancement of the current pedestrian crossing signals at the intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Main which will allow for pedestrian control. In addition, a new pedestrian-controlled crossing signal at Main Street and Hartsough will be installed.

> *"This project and the new policy are the result of a lot of hard work and research on the part of many people."*

Main Street will also undergo a "road diet" before the end of the calendar year. South Main Street from Ann Arbor Road to Ann Arbor Trail will be converted from four traffic lanes to three traffic lanes, one northbound, one southbound and a center turn lane) with bike lanes along the curb line of both sides.

Wikipedia defines a road diet as, "A technique in transportation planning whereby the number of travel lanes and/or effective width of the road is reduced in order to achieve systemic improvements."

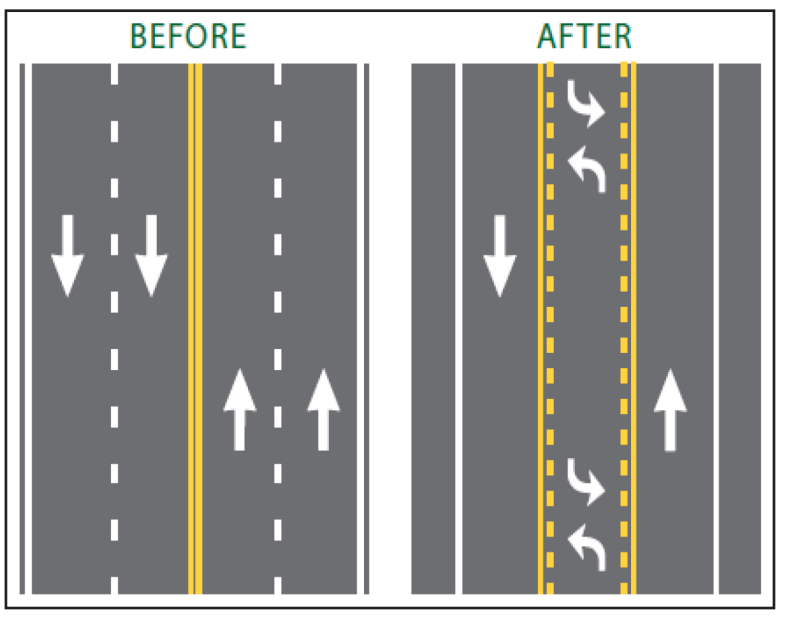
The project will consist of re-striping Main Street to convert it to one northbound lane, one southbound lane, and a center left turn lane with bike lanes on both sides. Members of the Plymouth City Commission recently adopted a transportation policy that states the City of Plymouth will approach all transportation projects as opportunities to implement "Complete Streets" that give priority to the safety of pedestrians, people who need mobility aids, bicyclists, and motorists, as well as design elements that promote walking, bicycling and other means of non-motorized transportation.

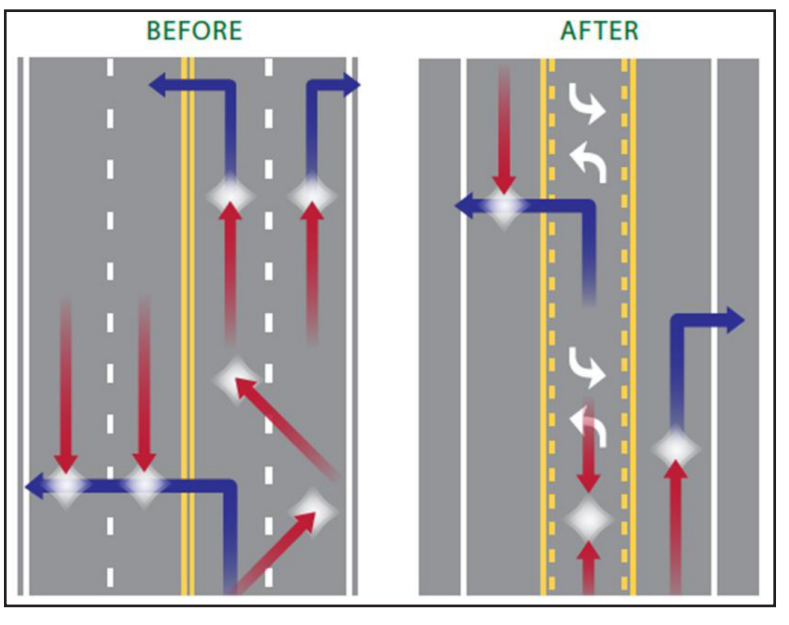
"This project and the new policy are the result of a lot of hard work and research on the part of many people," said Mayor Oliver Wolcott. "It's another example of groups coming together to make Plymouth the best it can be."

In another project, Farmer Street from the railroad crossing to Blunk is being fully reconstructed and involves a full replacement of the sanitary sewer main and the water main, replacement and repair of storm drains and catch basins, and a full rebuild of the road surface. Underground construction of the utility lines will be ongoing throughout the month of August, officials said and the road paving will begin when the underground construction is complete.

Panel and joint repair work will continue on Junction Street from Blunk to Karmada and will begin as soon as traffic is reopened on Farmer. In addition, North Evergreen between Blanche and Farmer will be repaved.

The 2020 Infrastructure Program is progressing on schedule, officials said. The entirety of the program is anticipated to extend through the end of summer with a projected completion in late September. The schedule is dependent on the continued favorable weather, equipment, material and crew availability and field conditions, they added.





Belleville - Romulus

Romulus chamber planning annual golf fundraiser

The annual Romulus Chamber of Commerce Golf outing will take place Aug. 27 at Links at Gateway Golf Course.

Registrations are now being accepted for the popular event which is a fundraiser for the chamber. Fees for the event are $110 for each golfer or $440 for a foursome.

Organizers are also looking for sponsors for the event willing to donate items for the golfer goodie bags presented at the event. Those interested in having merchandise placed in the bags can email the chamber office at admin@romuluschamber.org to make arrangements to have the donation picked up.

Event sponsorships are also available at $125 for a hole sponsorship to $2,500 for a banquet sponsorship. Businesses or individuals can sponsor a prize, a cart sign, the Continental Breakfast, lunch or the score board at various price points.

> *Safe practices and social distancing will be employed in accordance with current and changed executive orders.*

The event will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. while a Continental Breakfast is served on the practice range. There will be a shotgun star at 9:30 a.m. sharp, organizers said.

The registration fee includes the breakfast and lunch at the turn.

Safe practices and social distancing will be employed in accordance with current and changed executive orders, organizers stressed.

The Links at Gateway is located at 33290 Gateway Dr. in Romulus.

To register, or for more information, email admin@aromuluschamber.org or call (734)893-0694.

City police are seeking accreditation from state law commission

The Romulus Police Department may soon join the elite ranks of those accredited by the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC).

The department is currently in the process of attaining the accreditation, according to police officials, "as a commitment to continued improvement and to further protect and serve the residents of Romulus."

The accreditation process, facilitated by the Michigan Association Chiefs of Police (MACP) and the Michigan Sheriffs' Association (MSA), is a voluntary accreditation program which requires the adoption of rigorous professional standards and a thorough review of all policies, procedures and practices to ensure compliance. Initial and ongoing assessments are conducted by third-party assessors (MLEAC) and require proof that the police department meets or exceeds those standards in order to earn and keep its accreditation, according to a prepared release.

> *We want everyone-residents, businesses and visitors-to be proud of our city's dedication to creating a safe and comfortable place to live, work and play.*

The primary goals of Accreditation are the establishment and maintenance of the best practices of the profession; building or maintain community trust and bolster confidence in the agency; improving service and limiting liability; establishing fair and professional personnel practices and increasing accountability for all stakeholders

"I appreciate the work of Chief (Robert) Pfannes and the entire police department to continually evaluate and improve our city's law enforcement practices," said Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff. "We want everyone-residents, businesses and visitors-to be proud of our city's dedication to creating a safe and comfortable place to live, work and play."

Pfannes said, "We here in Romulus have been fortunate to have a community that supports its police department and a police department that cares about its residents. We intend to maintain that trust and respect through our actions and this is one more positive step in that direction."

The Romulus Police Department is striving to complete the process and receive accreditation by June of 2021.

Romulus Public Library continues curbside service

The Romulus Public Library remains in phase two of reopening to the public and is continuing curbside pickup for patrons.

The library will remain in the curbside pickup phase of the reopening plan while the building is being prepared for reopening to the public, a spokesman said.

"We are applying for grants to help us with social distancing signage, deep cleaning, and other supplies to make the library as safe as possible for you. Our first priority is the safety and well-being of our staff and patrons, so we are closely following protocols from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and MiOSHA," he noted in a posting on the library website.

New policies and procedures have been approved by members of the library board to ensure safety and proper use of the building, he added. As more information and guidelines for public libraries are received from the State of Michigan, the library will publicize those efforts on the website and Facebook page with further updates.

Holds on books and materials can now be placed on items from all libraries in the system through the online catalog. Patrons will receive an email notification and can call from the parking lot to have a staff member deliver the materials to their vehicles.

Curbside Pickup Hours are noon until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday.

The outdoor drop box is still available for returns and returns can be made by driving to the parking lot of the library and calling a staff member to come retrieve them from the vehicle.

Expiring library cards have been automatically renewed through Sept. 30 and due dates on materials have been extended to Sept. 30. New library cards can be obtained by calling or emailing the library and providing proper identification. Processing does take a few days, a spokesman noted.

Friends of the Library are not accepting donations book donations at this time, he added.

Police investigate drowning death at apartment complex pond

Van Buren Township Police are continuing to investigate the drowning of a 30-year-old man last week in an apartment pond.

The man was attempting to swim across a large pond at the Southport Apartments in Belleville last Thursday evening, according to police reports. The late-night swimming attempt was in response to a bet, according to the initial police investigation of the incident. Officers were called to the scene at about 9 p.m. when witnesses reported that Cedric Collins of Ypsilanti slipped under the water in the pond behind building 14 at the apartment complex and did not resurface. Reportedly, Collins reluctantly took a $1,000 bet that he couldn't swim across the pond after being encouraged by a crowd of about 15 people on the scene, who reportedly goaded and insulted him into making the attempted swim. He jumped into the water, witnesses told police, and was about halfway across the pond when he went under the water and did not resurface.

Members of Van Buren Township Dive Team recovered Collins' body at about 9:30 p.m. Police said initial rescue attempts by the 15-20 people who witnessed the incident were aborted as darkness began setting in.

> *Police are also reviewing video taken by several witnesses on their phones in their investigation of the death.*

Police are also reviewing the circumstances that prompted Collins' to enter the water, according to reports. Police have said they are "unsure" if alcohol played a role in the incident.

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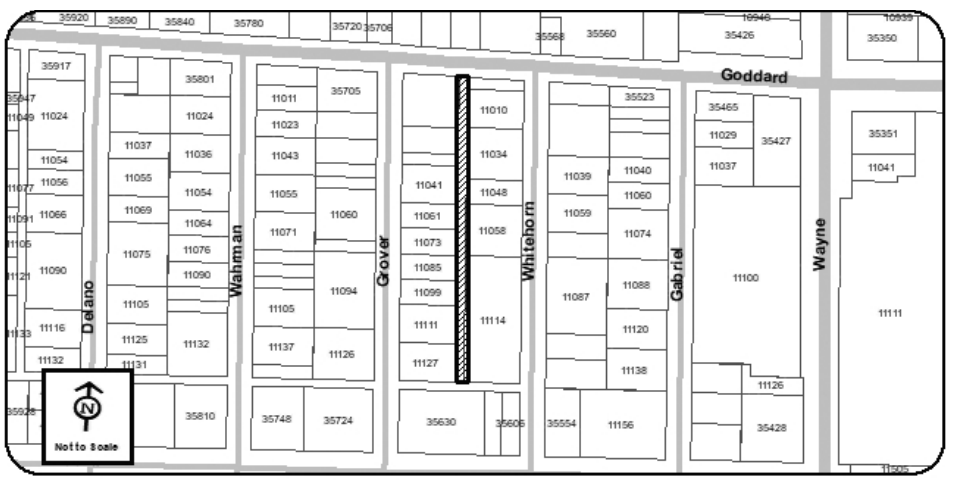
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CITY OF ROMULUS
ALLEY VACATION

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Romulus has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 on **Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** for the purpose of taking testimony on the proposed alley vacation of the following area:

Vacation of the entire alley in the Junction Sub, Block 6 abutting lots 1-24 and lots 32-55 inclusive.



Members of the public wishing to participate in this meeting electronically may do so by dialing into the meeting or online utilizing the Zoom Meeting app.

Topic: PUBLIC HEARING - ALLEY VACATION
Time: August 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time (U.S. and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86874691643, Meeting ID: 868 7469 1643

TO JOIN THE MEETING BY PHONE:
1. *Call the teleconferencing number + 1 646 558 8656*
2. *When prompted, enter the Meeting ID# 868 7469 1643, followed by # to be connected.*

Written comments may be submitted by email to Clerk@romulusgov.com no later than 3:00 p.m. Monday, August 10, 2020.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 167 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. (ADA).
Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services should contact the City of Romulus Clerk's office by writing or calling City Clerk Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174; 734-942-7540. A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

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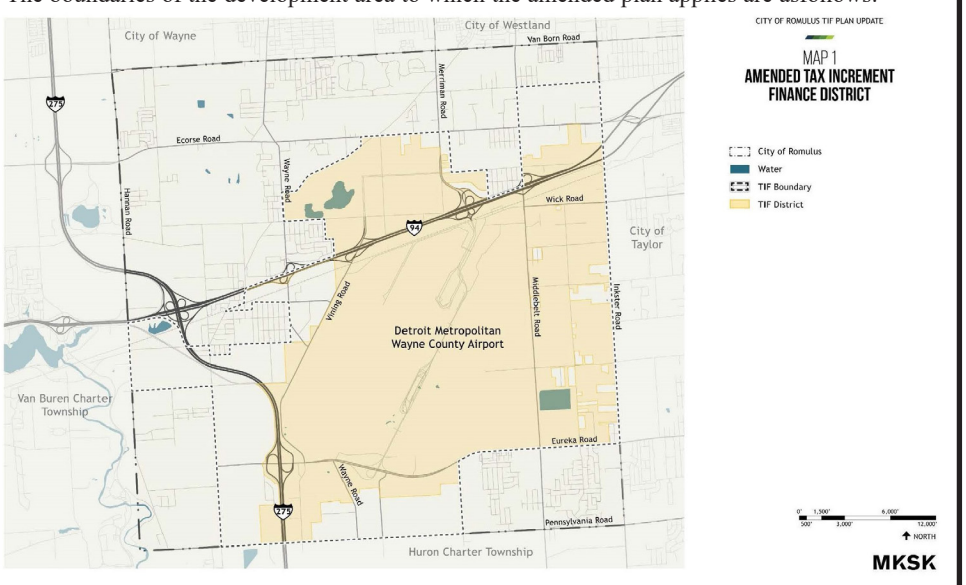
CITY OF ROMULUS
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE
ROMULUS TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Romulus, County ofWayne, State of Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 24th day of August,2020, at 7:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus,Michigan, to consider the adoption of an ordinance approving an Amendment to Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Romulus Tax Increment Finance Authority pursuant to Act 450 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1980, as amended.

The boundaries of the development area to which the amended plan applies are asfollows:



Copies of the proposed Amendment to Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plans, maps, etc. are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection.

At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Amendment to Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Romulus Tax Increment Finance Authority.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the Tax Increment Finance Authority Director of the City of Romulus.

This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

Ellen Craig-Bragg,
Clerk, City of Romulus

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NORTHVILLE

City adopts new rules for 'bigfoot' homes

Don Howard
Staff Writer

After years of complaints and protests about the invasion of monstrous new houses and radical remodeling, a zoning ordinance amendment to limit the size of homes by a ratio of square footage to lot sizes has been approbed by members of the Northville City Council.

The construction of giant-sized homes on small lots has become all too familiar in Northville and Plymouth in recent years, along with accusations that builders are over-building and over-selling to boost revenue, while Realtors cash-in on high-priced luxury homes on small, neighborhood lots.

Northville residents have complained to officials that the so-called big-foot homes are changing the complexion of the community, ruining the quaint tree-lined streets with well-manicured lawns that have made the city a serene picturesque community for more than a century.

Throughout the city, signs reading "It has gone FAR enough," pepper lawns in Northville. An organization of neighbors has set up a website for support, https://northvillefar.com/home.

Homeowners are continuing to voice their frustration and city officials apparently listened.

Similar to the rampant growth in recent years that permeated neighboring Plymouth, Northville homeowners are now complaining as builders continue to cram houses of monstrous proportions on small lots.

In 2017, at a time when 20 homes were under construction in the City of Plymouth, the city commissioners, under pressure, ushered in new restrictions to restrict over-building and rampant reconstruction. The average Plymouth lot size is 7,200 square feet. The city adopted a .40 floor area ratio ordinance, the lowest considered by members of the commission, although some residents sought to make it even more restrictive.

Often blocks of uniform houses are broken with standout structures that are two to three times larger and often much more contemporary in design. Trees, grass and landscaping are stripped from the lots, which in Northville average close to 11,000 square feet, Dirt is often mounded in the center to create more lot height nd towering structures with high rooflines consume the properties.

Some call the over-built homes McMansions.

The revised ordinance, FAR .36 or Floor Area Ratio, refers to a the size of the building compared to the size of the lot. The first reading of the new ordinance took place last month at the regular Northville City Council meeting.

> *"These are established neighborhoods - we don't want builders doing whatever they want - we're losing all our houses. This is nuts.*

The ordinance amendment calculation takes the square footage of the house, excluding the basement, divided by the square footage of the lot and the result cannot exceed .36. A porch or detached garage is excluded from the calculation.

F.A.R, sometimes called floor space ration (FSR) or floor space index (FSI) is nothing new, commonly used in zoning to limit urban density and is sometimes manipulated with existing ordinances to take advantage of building codes, official said.

Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull said he's received 327 letters from concerned residents, both pro and con to F.A.R. amendment, adding that the planning commission has taken two years to study the problem.

In 2018, the Northville Planning Commission members authorized a study of new home trends and the impact on Northville, soliciting resident opinions through a questionnaire. The city received 341 responses to the questionnaire.

Mike McClish, a Northville resident since 1986, said in a letter to the commission that his Orchard Heights neighborhood is "afflicted by overbuilding," where current ordinance allow homes to be built too close the property lines, having inadequate green space.

"The character of my neighborhood is rapidly changing from moderate-sized homes on a lot with reasonable green space and reasonable setbacks from neighboring homes to so-called McMansions, which essentially jam a massive home onto a too-small lot."

Cabbage Town, an old Northville neighborhood platted in the 1880s, is not in the city historic district.

Lucy Klinkhammer, a retired educator, has lived in Cabbage Town for 39 years in a renovated house she says was built sometime in the 1900s, "and directly next door to a "bigfoot." Klinkhammer supports the F.A.R.

She said builders and local Realtors, who she hesitates to name, have pushed back and sent out more than 1,000 mailings to residents in opposition, as "the new ordinance will hurt their bottom line."

"These are established neighborhoods - we don't want builders doing whatever they want -we're losing all our houses. This is nuts," she said.

"We're hopeful we're at the end of the road now, after three public hearings."

Jon Forslund also supports F.A.R.

Forslund, who has lived in Cabbage Town for 29 years, said the new oversized homes are changing the character of the comunity and the drastically reduced green-space brings other problems, like flooding of streets and ponding of water after a hard rainfall.

"Aside from arguments surrounding the aesthetics of the changing character of our town, there are some very practical issues we're facing with the increasing size of structures...

"The infrastructure of Cabbage Town was built for fewer, smaller houses," he said

The second reading of the F.A.R. ordinance was adopted by a unanimous vote during the Aug. 3 meeting of the members of the city council.

Sweet so long
Veteran police officer retires

Northville Police Capt. Dustin Krueger worked his last day in nearly 27 years at the department on Friday, July 21. An informal party for staff members and friends helped him celebrate his retirement under the awning of the police department entrance. Krueger's wife, Claudia, who was on the Northville police force for 11 years, and former Police Chiefs Mike Carlson and Jim Petres were among the guests.

Police Chief Alan Maciag commended Krueger for his service, his contributions to the department, and for his work with the people of Northville. He thanked him for staying beyond his planned retirement in April due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2018, Krueger served as interim police chief from July to December and was named "Police Officer of the Year" by his peers. Sgt. Greg Hannewald was promoted to captain following Krueger's retirement.

Krueger received official proclamations from Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki and State Rep. Matthew Koleszar.

Krueger said he was humbled by the attention and had mixed feelings about leaving, knowing he would miss the job and the people he interacted with. He said, "I'm not who I am because I'm a police officer. I'm a police officer because of who I am."

Krueger was a trainer in the department both for officers and for staff safety measures. It was common for Krueger to visit staff offices and leave behind some mini candy bars. True to form, after his departure, staff found small bags of candy on their desks.

Cpt. Dustin Krueger holds a shadowbox of his police badges and honors as he celebrates his retirement from the Northville Police Department. Photo by Liz Cezat

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 27, 2020 for the following:

5 YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY
August 25, 2020 - 7:00 PM

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on August 25, 2020. The meeting and public hearing will be held by electronic remote access. The Planning Commission will receive comments on the Township's 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP is required under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act of 2008 and identifies multi-year capital improvements and projects for the purposes of long-range planning for the Township. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

The public is invited to participate in this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. For information on how to participate in the meeting and view the documents for the public hearing, please visit the township's website at https://twp.northville.mi.us/. Written comments regarding the proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Eric Lark, Chair
Planning Commission

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INVITATION TO BID

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received, opened, and read aloud by Romulus Community Schools at the District Administration Building located at 36540 Grant Rd., Romulus, MI 48174 no later than 2:00 PM local time on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 for the following work:

Romulus Middle School - Boiler and Water Heaters Replacement - 37300 Wick Rd, Romulus, MI 48174.

All bids shall be submitted online at:
https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/55a1292ff1a96708004a19dc

Please contact jared.marinelli@bartonmalow.com with any questions.

The School Board will not accept any bid submitted after the indicated due time and date. Bidders will be required to submit with their Bid Proposals a Bid Security by a qualified surety authorized to do business in the state where the Projects is located. All Bid Proposals shall be accompanied by the following two forms: Familial Disclosure Form (in accordance with MCL 380.1267) and an Iran Economic Sanctions Act Form (in compliance with Michigan Public Act No. 517 of 2012). Bid Proposals that do not include these two sworn and notarized forms shall not be accepted.

Notice of Public Hearing
Charter Township of Canton
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Program Year (PY) 2020 Action Plan

The Charter Township of Canton is adopting its **Annual Action Plan** for **Program Year (PY) 2020 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021** for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds at **$365,820**.

The Finance Department encourages all parties to participate at a VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING on **Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 5:00 P.M. on the township website at www.canton-mi.org**. Otherwise all communications should be addressed in writing to the Financial Analyst, Canton Township- Finance Department, Mike Sheppard, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton , Michigan, 48188.

Canton will provide technical assistance to citizens and groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing funding request proposals and in the review of program activities and program performance. In addition, Canton will make adequate provisions to assist non-English speaking residents in interpreting program opportunities and provisions on a case-by-case basis, as well as provide auxiliary aides and services for individuals with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations must contact Mike Sheppard at **(734) 394-5225**, e-mail mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org or in writing to the Finance Department, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188 **ATTN: Annual Action Plan Hearing**. Requests for special accommodations must be made with reasonable advance notice.

Mike Sheppard
Financial Analyst
Finance Department

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

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Wayne - Westland

Westland police save driver from burning car

Westland police officers are being credited with saving the life of a 43-year-old Livonia resident, believed to have been driving his vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance. .

Police were called to the intersection of Ford and Venoy roads at about 12:45 a.m. June 21 following a report of a vehicle "doing donuts" in the roadway. When officers arrived on the scene, they reported observing a blue Chevrolet Traverse on Ford Road circling in reverse in the middle of the road.. Officers initially thought that the driver was unconscious, but after closer inspection were able to observe the subject was awake, holding the steering wheel, and smiling at them as the vehicle continued to circle, according to police reports of the incident.

Shortly after the officers' arrival at the intersection, the vehicle stopped the reverse circling with smoke coming from under the hood. Officers approached the vehicle and attempted to help the driver exit the car, but he refused. The officers reported that the driver did not appear to be in a clear mental state, and was placing his life in danger by refusing to exit the vehicle.

As the vehicle fire increased and smoke increased, officers attempted to physically remove the driver as flames and fumes from the fire posed a clear risk to his life. The driver continued to fight against officers and appeared to not comprehend the danger, according to reports.. Upon attempting to physically remove the driver from the vehicle, he produced a razor blade knife and held it toward the officers who were attempting to assist him.

Officers were able to back away from the threat and gave numerous verbal commands to the driver to drop the razor blade knife.

The driver eventually complied and dropped the knife and officers again attempted to get the driver to exit the vehicle only to find that the driver had now locked his arms around the steering wheel. After some time and effort, the officers were able to remove the driver from the smoking vehicle.

With the assistance of a large number of officers responding to the scene, police were finally able to walk the driver over to a grassy area where they handcuffed the subject without causing injury.

After the driver was restrained, officers spoke with him and determined that there was sufficient evidence to place him under arrest for operating a vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance, and for driving on a suspended license.

The man was transported to Garden City Hospital where he was checked for additional injuries and released back into police custody..

The driver has since been released from custody pending the results of a blood test.

The driver's name and image were not released by police pending arraignment on the charges.

"Clearly these officers are not jumping to extremes. They are showing a great deal of compassion, they're handling situations and saving people's lives," said Westland police Lt. Bob Wilkie.

"We do go through de-escalating training; we have been doing that for a while here and these are some of the tactics that are shown in a very tense situation coming to use."

Man is charged in shooting death of Wayne teen

Robert Shoats

Kaleb Parish

Wayne police have arrested a suspect in connection with a fatal shooting that took place in the city last Wednesday,

According to police, officers were called to the area of Richard and Fourth streets at abut 6 p.m. July 29 following reports of a man suffering a gunshot wound. Upon arrival at the scene, officers discovered Kaleb Parish, 18, suffering from a gunshot wound to his face. He was immediately transported by Wayne paramedics to a local hospital for treatment but did not survive his injuries and died on Sunday, Aug. 2, according to official reports.

Police have arrested Robert Shoats, 19, of Wayne who was initially charged with discharge of a weapon in a building causing serious impairment and felony firearm.

At his Aug. 2 arraignment on those charges before a magistrate in 34th District Court in Romulus, he was ordered held in police custody in lieu of $50,000 or 10-percent bond.

Following the death of Parish, those charges will be revised to include the homicide, police said.

Shoats' next court date is Aug. 11 at the 29th District Court in Wayne.

A GoFundMe page to help the family of the deceased teen has been started by his sister.

The investigation into the shooting remains active, police said.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the Wayne Police Department at (734) 721-1414.

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PLYMOUTH

Community mourns death of Sally Repeck

Sally Anne Repeck, a well-known community activist in Plymouth, died July 19, 2020 following a four-year battle with cancer.

Ms. Repeck was the former chair of the Wayne County Department of Social Services and also chaired the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority during the streetscape revitalization in the city. She also served as the executive director of OASIS (a domestic violence agency for Cadillac, Wexford and Missaukee counties). Ms. Repeck was both a major community-supporter of the The Detroit Sunday Journal during the Detroit newspaper strike and a leading opponent of the Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ms. Repeck was born March 1, 1956 to a "large and fiercely loving Polish Catholic family" in Detroit. Her family said she was a firm believer in innate human dignity and that there were simply right and wrong ways to treat other people. She devoted her career to non-profit organizations focused on human services, supporting and leading organizations like Easter Seals, Neighborhood Senior Services, the Michigan Public Schools Foundation and a rural domestic violence prevention center.

Her step-daughter, Jess Zimbabwe, who referred to Ms. Repeck as a "bonus parent" said she had a reliable internal compass toward the common good.

Ms. Repeck was famous in her family for setting off kitchen smoke alarms with her cooking efforts and unique culinary creations. She shared her cooking interests by suggesting the Plymouth Men's Cooking Club in 2000 which endures to this day.

"She was a true friend to many with an uncanny knack for knowing when people needed a call or a visit or a spontaneous trip to the dollar store to by a silly hat," Zimbabwe said. "She saw the best in absolutely everyone, holding out the possibility of redemption of even the most entrenched assholes."

Ms. Repeck was diagnosed with only three to four months to live in 2016 and refused medical advice for weekly treatment and tests, instead helping her husband, former Plymouth Crier Publisher W. Ed Wendover, in outfitting a big blue church bus she called the "Old Age Home for Hippies" and setting out to visit family and friends across North America. The pair traveled in the bus from Newfoundland to Key West, Seattle to D.C., Padre Island to Atlanta, the Adirondacks to the Badlands of South Dakota. Her husband said she enjoyed camp hosting at Washington Monument State Park in Maryland and at the base of Mt. Rainier in Washington.

In addition to her husband and step-daughter, Ms. Repeck is survived by granddaughters, Celia and Martha Zimbabwe, her son-in-law Sam Zimbabwe; a niece, Shannon Tyman; brothers, Paul (Cheryl) Repeck, Pat (Debbie) Repeck, Melvin (Mary Ann) Czechowski and Michael (Margaret Campbell) Czechowski; nephews Alex (Kaitlin) Repeck, Evan Repeck and Vince Herbruck; a niece, Erin Repeck, and a multitude of mostly Irish cousins and their offspring, along with a host of dear friends.

A private memorial celebration will take place in Plymouth at a future date and a family remembrance is planned for Woodslee, Ontario when circumstances permit.

Sally Anne Repeck

Her husband suggested that memorial contributions "may be made to the hospice organization nearest where you live or by giving a $20 bill to the first homeless person you next encounter."

Plymouth Public Library opens building to patrons

Area residents received some very good news with the reopening of the Plymouth District Library last week.

The building reopened to the public last Wednesday with limited capacity due to state restrictions, noted Library Director Carol Souchock. The library will be open from 1 until 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and will remain closed for extra cleaning procedures on Sundays, Souchock said. Capacity will be limited to 25 percent in public areas, she said and the upper and lower levels will not be open at the time. Material requests from these areas will be located for patrons by library staff members, Souchock said.

Available services will include main level browsing, limited public computer access on the main level along with help from the library tech team and printing copying and faxing. In addition, check out of materials at the desk or at self-check stations will be available and the main level restrooms will be open.

The library will also be offering Grab and Go Youth theme bags with children's books on a variety of subjects and the Friends of the Library book sale.

Souchock said the library would be complying with all state COVID requirements including 6-feet social distancing and monitoring of the number of people in the building. She said there could be a wait on the front porch for patrons as the capacity is monitored and that social distancing markers would be on the ground to remind visitors of the 6-feet mandate. Masks will be required of all visitors, she said.

In addition, the health status and temperature of library staff members will be monitored before each shift, she said.

All returned materials will be quarantined for four days or more, Souchock said, as an added precaution against the virus.

She said the upholstered chairs have been removed from the main level and seating is now limited to encourage patrons to limit the time of visits.

Souchock said updates and more information are available at plymouthlibrary.org or infor@plymouthlibrary.org or by phone at (734) 453-0750.

Souchock said the plan is subject to changes "based on regional and State of Michigan regulations. But for now, know that we are all looking forward to seeing you during the next phase of library service."

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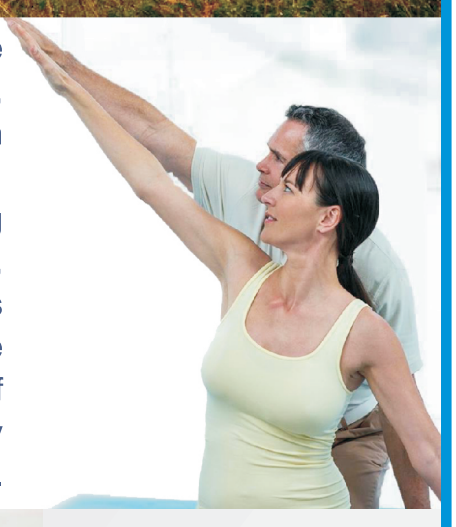

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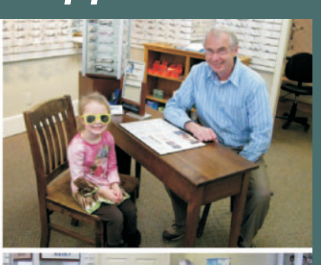

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Canton - Inkster

Canton restructures public safety department

Members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees have approved the restructuring of the township public safety department, naming two deputy directors following the retirement of the former public safety director earlier this year.

As part of the revamping of the department, trustees approved the appointment of Chadwick Baugh as the new director of police services - police chief and Christopher Stoecklein as the director of fire services - fire chief.

Baugh, who began his career with the township in 1996, will oversee all operations of the Canton Township Police Department. He has served in a leadership role with the department for the past 12 years. A graduate of Eastern Michigan University Police Staff & Command School, he also has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Madonna University, and a Master's Degree in Technology from Eastern Michigan University. Stoecklein, who began his career in Canton in 1996, will oversee all operations of the fire department. He has been in a leadership role with the department for the past seven years. A graduate of Eastern Michigan University Fire Staff & Command School, he earned his bachelor's degree in public safety administration from Sienna Heights University.

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During the past several months, township officials and the leadership team members have been reviewing and evaluating the operations of the Public Safety Department and the need for a director position to oversee both the police and fire operations. Members of the township leadership team, merit commission, and township board of trustees agreed that residents would be better served at this time by the reclassification of these two positions.

"We realize this is a major change in the structure of the Public Safety Department, dating back to 1987 when the first Director position was created to oversee both the Police and Fire Departments," said Township Supervisor Pat Williams. "The former organizational structure has served the community well, but these past few months have provided insight and opportunity to take the department in a new, fiscally-responsible direction, with zero impact on the exceptional police and fire services the community is accustomed to receiving."

Chadwick Baugh

Christopher Stoecklein

Funds for the salaries of these reclassifications will be redirected in the budget from the vacated director of public safety position.

Inkster resident wins $200,000 lottery drawing

Trying a new Michigan Lottery machine paid off for an Inkster woman.

Allison Quinland, of Inkster, matched four of the white balls and the Powerball - 02-08-18-21-23 PB: 16 - in the May 23 drawing to win a $50,000 prize. Thanks to the Powerplay, her prize was multiplied by four for a $200,000 prize. She bought her winning ticket at the CVS Pharmacy, located at 27365 Cherry Hill Road in Inkster.

"I stopped at the CVS and they had gotten a new Lottery machine," said the 52-year-old Quinland. "Something in my gut told me to give it a try."

When Quinland checked her tickets, she couldn't believe her eyes.

"I screamed: 'This can't be true!' It's such an incredible feeling to win. It's life changing."

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Quinland visited Lottery headquarters to claim her prize. With her winnings, she plans to do something nice for herself, and then save the remainder.

"Powerball plays may be purchased for $2 each at Lottery retailers across the state and online at MichiganLottery.com. A "Power Play" option that multiplies non-jackpot prizes by up to 10 times to a maximum of $2 million may be added to any Powerball play for only $1.

The Powerball drawing takes place at 10:59 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday and may be watched live online at: http://www.powerball.com. Powerball tickets are sold in 45 states, Washington D.C., U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.

About 97 cents of every dollar spent on Lottery tickets is returned to the state in the form of contributions to the state School Aid Fund, prizes to players and commissions to vendors and retailers. In the 2019 fiscal year, the Lottery provided more than $1 billion for Michigan's public schools, its fifth record contribution in a row. Since it began in 1972, the Lottery has contributed more than $23 billion to support public education in Michigan.

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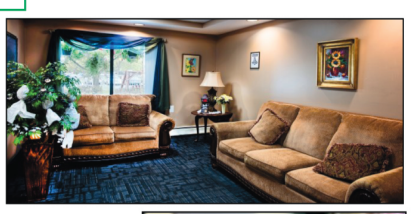

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